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Name Bryner and Culp to Posts Also Brauchler, Rath Head Officer List

Following a campaign featuring posters, speeches, and favors the Ninth Grade Class elected the following officers to lead class activities: President, Erwin Brauchler; Vice-president, Sandra Rath; Secretary, Jan Bryner; Treasurer, Kathy Culp.

President Erwin is taking the College Preparatory course and plans to go to Ohio State University. His hobby is collecting stamps and old coins. He is fond of sports, especially football. His favorite food is fried chicken.

A member of the Citizenship Club, Erwin felt happy and excited at being elected president.

Vice-president Sandra Rath or Sandy, as she is known, is assistant feature editor of the TIMES, vice-president of G.A.A., a member of the Citizenship Club, and a monitor.

Sandy expects to go to Ohio State University to major in education, which means that she wants to be a teacher.

Secretary Bryner, a new student at Simpson, was elected secretary of the class. Taking the College Preparatory course, Jan wants to enter St. Luke's Nursing School.

At Simpson Jan is a monitor, a member of the G.A.A. Her hobby is music and her favorite food is strawberry shortcake.

Treasurer Kathy is a member of G.A.A., a monitor, a member of Citizenship Club, and works in the office. She likes hamburgers and French fries.

Kathy hopes to go to Ohio State University.

Representatives Chosen

Home room representatives for the class are Helen Hoagland, Ramona Stancato, Sally Heckert, Dan Angelini, Jeanine Swetlic, Joann Schneider, Ben Marsh, Bob Wright, Sherry Kent, Ron Witchey, Terry Hildreth, Alex Schwanner, L. D. Ball, Rod Hargo, Eileen Frederici, and Sandra Gregory.

Plans are being made for the annual talent show and other activities.

Music Groups Busy as

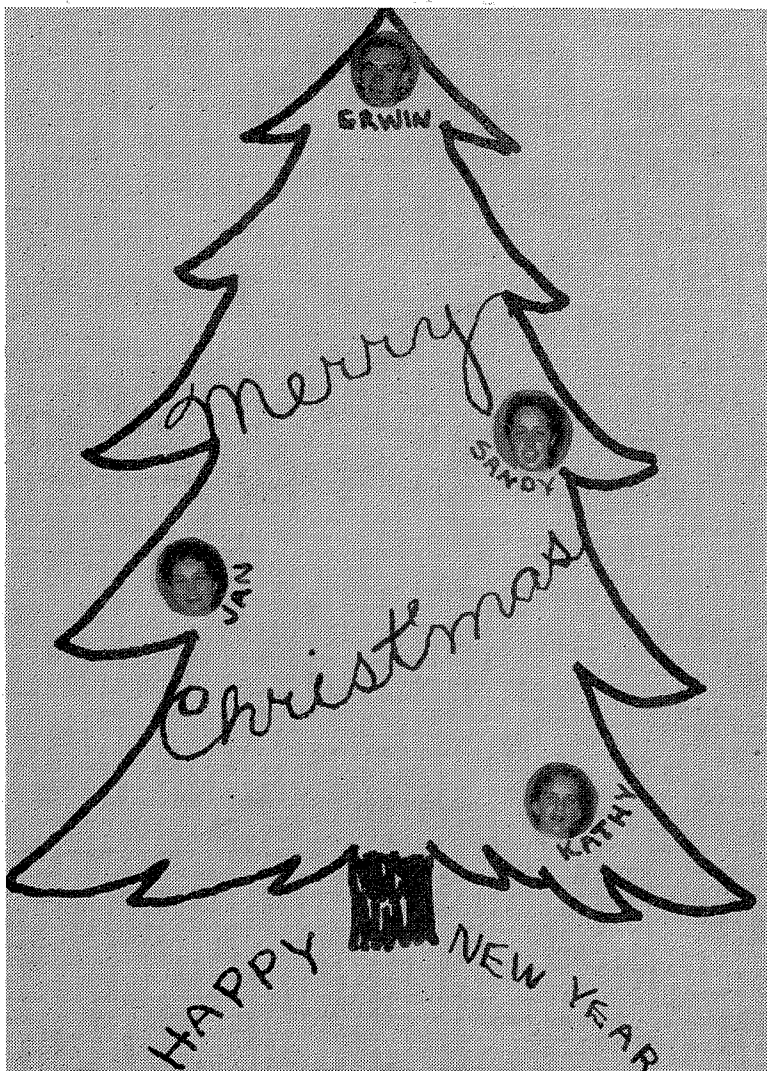
Orchestra Plays Christmas Program

Today the orchestra will participate in the annual Christmas Program. "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" is one of the selections which will add to the Christmas spirit.

Band and orchestra students under the direction of Robert Brashares are working on the songs which they plan to present at an assembly on January 13. Some of the selections are "Kismet" by Wright and Forest, "Hans Christian Anderson" by Loesser, "Shortnin Bread Special" by Hathaway, and "Mambo Band" by Klitze.

A dance will also be sponsored by the group on January 13.

The Band and Orchestra Parents' Club gave a Christmas party for the band and orchestra members last Tuesday night. Dancing in the gym and movies in the auditorium provided entertainment for the group. Later in the evening lunch was served.



Photos — Owens Art Brown

Introducing the new class officers of the Ninth Grade who join the faculty and staff in best wishes for the Christmas Season.

Pupil Program Turns Thoughts To Yule Season

This morning as Simpson students came to school, they had but one thing on their minds. Yes, it was time for the annual Christmas assembly at 8:30 in the auditorium.

The program included the following:

Eighth Grade Glee Club — "Prayer from Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck, "The Twelve Days of Christmas", and English Folk Song, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", by Mac Gimsey with Ronald Dansby as solist, and "I Believe This Is Jesus", a Spiritual.

Miss Emelie Severson conducted the Glee Club while Miss Fannie Lew Eiler accompanied on the piano.

Orchestra Plays Songs

The John Simpson Orchestra played "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" by Gillespie and Coots and "Three Songs for Christmas" by Grunoman. C. Robert Brashares conducted.

Sandra Gilde and Kathe Baum, speech pupils of Mrs. Ruth Klopfenstein, gave Christmas readings.

Bringing the program to a close was the Ninth Grade Choir and Dramatics Department presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Fred Waring. This production was under the direction of Hamer Mitchell and Mrs. Klopfenstein.

Tooters Toot Tunes For New Year Swing

The band and orchestra have chosen the "New Year Swing" as the name of the dance they are sponsoring on January 13.

Dancing will be from 7:30 until 10:30 in the Simpson gym with admission twenty-five cents.

Three committees are in charge of the dance. The first is headed by Diane Schmidt. To help her will be James Wagoner, Carolyn Pfau, Gary Forester, Darrell Smith, Jake Hartman, Bobby Watts, and Douglas Leach.

Linda Brown, chairman of the second committee, will work with Larry Smallstey, Kenny Wagner, Barb Balyeat, Carol Keefer, Nancy Windbigler, Susie Church, Diane Frye, and Carol Marietta.

The third group will have Eileen Frederici as chairman. Her help will be Charles Leitenberger, Dan Angelini, Marilyn Martin, Fred Lehr, Phyllis Dunn, Ray Secrist, Helen Hoagland, and Diane Frye.

Banquet Will Feature Susie Simpson Plans Are Secret

Plans are very 'hush-hush' for the evening of Jan. 27 when the Girls Athletic Association will hold its annual banquet for members. Those in charge will say only that dinner will be served at six o'clock with Susie Simpson as a feature.

Staffs Lose Heads

Because of moving several changes have been made in both staffs of the "Times".

Leaving the Editorial Staff is Pat Kunz who transferred to Madison. Taking over her duties is Pat Hall, a former news editor. Helen Hoagland becomes news editor and her assistant is Ellen Jones.

On the Business Staff Carrie Hamilton has been chosen as the new Business Manager replacing Jutta Conradt who also went to Madison. Maxine Karbula becomes the new assistant business manager and Delores Leddy, the new circulation manager.

New members of the Business Staff are Doug Bostick, Norman Wolfe, and Penny Zartman.

Awards will be given to the girls having 500 points or more. Girls having 500 points will receive their numerals. An emblem will be given to those having 1,000 points. With 1,500 points, they will receive letters.

Susie Simpson is a doll that the girls who have 2,000 points are presented. They achieve these point by hiking, playing different sports, and being members of their home room teams.

After the banquet there will be a dance starting at 7:30. Refreshments will be served in the gym lobby. A band will play various types of music for the 'dress-up' dance.

Citizenship Club Prepares Annual Christmas Baskets

Using the motto, "It is better to give than to receive," Simpson students are carrying out the true spirit of Christmas today.

This afternoon representatives from home rooms will take collected food to the lobby of the building. This food will be distributed evenly so that each contains a balanced meal.

The Freshman officers and the Citizenship Club with the help of advisors, Mrs. Frances Theaker, Frank McCullough, and Edwin Cooper, are sponsoring the filling of the Christmas baskets.

Rooms Decorate Baskets

Each home room has decorated its basket which is filled with food suggested in a list posted on each bulletin board. Ninth grade home room representatives are responsible for their baskets while seventh and eighth grade home room presidents are in charge of theirs.

For the collection which started on December 12, money donations have been accepted for the buying of meat and potatoes.

A's Brighten 45 Christmas Stockings

At this Christmas Season 45 bright stars shine as they earned places on the Honor Roll for the second term ending December 2. Karen Cline, Patricia Crumrine, Dawn Doerrer, Diana Doerrer, Drake Glasgow, Janet Massey, Janice Price, and Josef Schengili shine the brightest with all A's.

Thirty-seven other pupils had all A's in their major subjects. Grade 9 had 7; grade 8, 14; grade 7 had 16.

On the ninth grade list are Janet Bryner, Sandy Gregory, Patricia Hall, Sally Heckert, Robert Izer, Sandra Rath, and Jeanine Swetlic.

Eighth graders David Blizzard, Erlene Burrage, Jo Bush, Diana Davis, Linda Hahn, Alta Hibbard, Jeneane Lomax, Marilyn Martin, Molly Park, Shirley Reiter, Sandra Rock, Kent Taylor, Louri Thompson, and Jane Wagner.

Grade seven placed Connie Boyd, Patty Eccles, Lynn Erndt, Nancy Ezzard, Judy Gottgalf, Linda Griebeling Ute Grosch, Kay Hamilton, Betty Kauf, Sue Misenheimer, Gary Owens, Sharyn Pasheilich, Sally Proctor, Judy Radick, Larry Schaffer, and Harvey Welker.

Calendar Events

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| Dec. 22 | Christmas Assemblies |
| | Vacation Begins |
| Jan. 3 | School Reopens |
| | Girls' Intramurals begin |
| Jan. 13 | Band & Orchestra Assembly |
| | Band & Orchestra Dance |
| Jan. 27 | G.A.A. Banquet & Dance |
| Feb. 3 | Davies Quartet Assembly |
| Feb. 8 | Appleseed-Simpson Game at Senior High |

CANADIAN QUARTET APPEARS FEBRUARY 3

On February 3, the Davies of Canada will present a musical program in the auditorium.

The Davies of Canada are a quartet which consists of Frances Davies, mezzo soprano; Noble Davies, baritone Nelles Davies, bass; and Vera Henderson Davies, director and accompanist on the piano.

The Davies who are originally from Canada have appeared in various cities across the country as well as Canada. The people have received them very enthusiastically everywhere they have appeared.

Original Writings Win Contest for Entrants



Left to right are winners Susan Armstrong, Roger Stahl, Pat Howell, and Carolyn White.

The winners of the Christmas Poem and Theme Contest are Carolyn White, Pat Howell, Roger Stahl, and Susan Armstrong, all of the seventh grade.

Carolyn, Pat, and Roger entered poems while Susan entered the winning theme. The poems, "Christmas Bells", "Almost Christmas Day", and "Christmas Eve" will be found scattered through the pages of this issue. The theme, "What Is Christmas" will also be found in the paper.

Because of the lack of entries in from the eighth and ninth grades, there were no contests in these grades. That is why four entries were chosen from the seventh.

Enter Christ Into Christmas Celebration

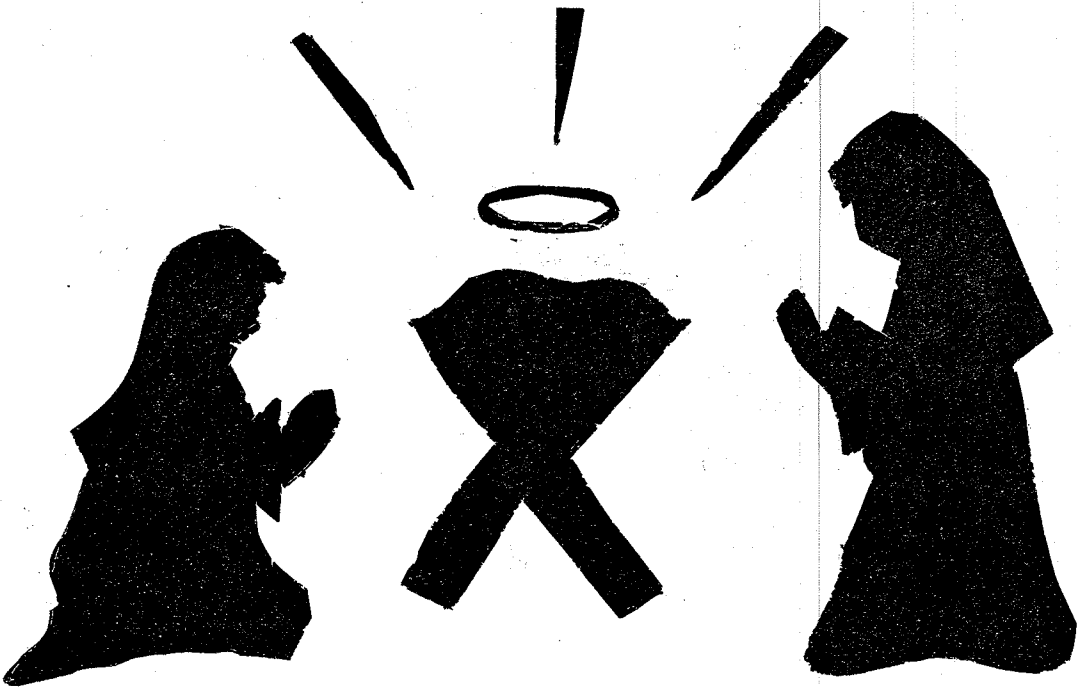
Christmas for the past several years has been a mixture of gaiety, merrymaking, and a great laxity on the spiritual understanding of Christmas. Of course, Christmas is a time for joyous reunions with loved ones and for exchanging gifts, but in the midst of all the excitement let us still remember that some nineteen hundred years ago the Savior of the world was born.

The coming of Christ had been a long-awaited event. Down through the years, before Christ's eventful birth, men and women suffered and died keeping alive faith and hope that someday the promised "Messiah" would come. Today, as in Biblical times, people are still awaiting the return of the Saviour.

Each year at Christmas time, as we decorate our homes and trees, we must not forget that the decorations are artificial and the real spirit of Christmas is in our hearts.

Today Christmas is commercialized and advertised months before Christmas to attract people's attention to the selection and purchasing of gifts, turning their minds away from the real meaning of Christmas. When everyone is thinking of receiving gifts instead of giving them the thought of Christmas is also lost. Many people look forward to feasting on Christmas rather than thinking of someone less fortunate than they are.

Keeping these suggestions in mind, let's try to enter Christ into all of our Christmas celebrations.



Christmas Eve

Roger Stahl

On the night of Christmas Eve
When the sky is shining bright
There is but one star that gives
Off a brilliant light.
That is the star of Christmas.

O wonderful star of Christmas,
Why do you shine so bright?
Is it because there is a story
Behind your light?
Is it the story of Jesus
Who was born in a manger--
The son of God
Who is no stranger?

CHRISTMAS TREE DATES BACK

Several scholars say the Christmas tree originated in early Rome. It appears in German literature in 1604.

When the Pagans of Northern Europe became Christians, they made their sacred evergreen trees part of the Christmas festival and decorated the trees with nuts, candles and apples to stand for the stars, moon and sun.

One legend tells how the first Christmas tree was miraculously revealed on a Christmas Eve, twelve hundred years ago. Winfred, an Englishman, who had gone to Germany to spread the teachings of Jesus, found a group of worshippers gathered at the Oak of Geismar about to sacrifice little Prince Asulf to the god Thor. Winfred stopped the sacrifice and cut down the "blood" oak. As it fell a young fir tree appeared.

There are many legends and fairy tales but no one knows how it really originated.

Let's Settle Differences Peacefully

Disputes and the ways they are settled are something to think about since all of us at some time have arguments to settle.

Here are three ways disputes may be settled:

The first is pugilistic combat, better known as the 'fist fight'. Lots of people use this form of combat instead of common sense. Fighting started, supposedly, in the Middle Ages during the wars. Then along came duels, street brawls, and knifing. Too many of these things are still present in certain communities. Have you seen any form of pugilistic combat at Simpson? Do we still live back in the Middle Ages?

Secondly, there is compromise. This means that when people are having disputes, each person in the argument gives up a little of what he wants in order to reach an understanding or compromise. As people become more educated they use this way more and more.

Last, there is arbitration. In arbitration, the two persons who are having the argument, agree to have a third disinterested person help them to reach a fair decision. We would like to see John Simpson students move out of the Middle Ages into the modern era of compromise and arbitration.

Let's use our fists less and our heads more.

Opinion Poll:

Pros and Cons of One-way Traffic

Diana Doerrer

Want to know what the students think of the one-way traffic? Some like it; others don't; still others both like and dislike it. Here are just a few opinions gathered during a tour of the building.

"I like it except at noon when I'm in a hurry to go to lunch. Then I just can't wait to go all the way around to the other end of the building to get to my locker," says Loretta Crego of the ninth grade.

Gerald Walker, a ninth grade student, doesn't like the change because it gets him so mixed up. He will admit that he gets where he's going sooner.

Another ninth grader, Sandra Gregory, didn't care for the idea at first but she thinks it's all right now. The only time she thinks it's bothersome is when she'll be late for class.

Sharon Fair doesn't like the one-way traffic because it's out of the way to go clear down the hall to find a "down" sign.

Ray Mion, an eighth grader, complains that it makes him late for class and the teachers get upset because of his tardiness.

The only comment of eighth grader Jim McKee was, "It's confusing."

Janet Rice likes the change but

Merry Christmas

- M emories
 - E xcitement
 - R estlessness
 - R ightousness
 - Y uletide
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- C hristmas trees
 - H olly
 - R eindeer
 - I ndigestion
 - S leigh bells
 - T oys
 - M istletoe
 - A ngels
 - S anta Claus

The Giving, Receiving of Gifts Thrill Many Simpson Students

Jo Bush

Every student seems to want to voice his opinion about Christmas. Many children like the sacred part of this holiday. Still others are most interested in good tempting food, the giving and receiving of gifts, and, of course, honest-to-goodness fun. Students of John Simpson are no different than those of other schools. Asked to tell some of their ideas, they came up with—

Presents are what Mike Gibson

likes about Christmas. the story of Baby Jesus and go to church on Christmas Sunday.

Ivan Dukich likes the food best at Christmas time.

When Norma Jean Kuelling was asked what she liked best about Christmas she gave this poem:

Christmas is so jolly and gay,
It gives us a day so bright and gay
When Santa goes from door to door
We wish him to stay one day more.

What's The Custom?

"When do you open your Christmas presents?" was a question brought to several Simpson students. The following answers show that many different customs are followed.

DIANE BYERS states that she opens her Christmas gifts twice to make Christmas all the merrier, one-half on Christmas Eve and one-half on Christmas morning.

KAY BRUBACH opens her presents in the morning so she is more awake to take a good look at them.

DIANE KEEFER, in order to have a wonderful night dreaming of the gifts, opens hers in the morning.

LINDA TAYLOR doesn't like waiting so she opens gifts on Christmas Eve.

JIM BELL says he opens his gifts at no special time. (Maybe he's *Gonna Get Nuttin' for Christmas* this year.)

VARLENE SOLLENBERGER also believes in having a double Christmas, one-half on Christmas Eve and the other on Christmas morn.

CATHY BISSMAN waits until the youngsters of her family get up. (She states that that is usually very early.)

Letters to the Editor

This year, due to the changes at Simpson, questions have arisen in the minds of many students. One question submitted by Karen Cline was: "Why can't eighth graders, who have study halls during eighth period, leave with the ninth graders?"

Because grades one through eight are considered elementary grades and ninth grade a secondary grade. It is a state requirement for elementary to be in session until or after 3 o'clock.

To those who have inquired about the drinking fountains in the cafeteria:

Because of the large study halls in the cafeteria, it would cause a commotion if everyone wanted water. Studying would hardly be possible for students who had work to do.

In reply to Dixie Lang's inquiry about the water fountains in the gym:

Reliable sources report that a few years ago, when the fountains were working, water seeped down through the wooden gym floor during one vacation causing the floor to rise. You may recall the same thing happened at Appleseed during Christmas vacation last year.

How have the new changes affected you? Any comments, questions, or opinions, will be readily answered if you will drop them into the box in room 101.

Strike Thoughts

All the men of Westinghouse
Are out on a strike.
And if it isn't ended soon
They'll have to start to hike--
It's a long, long way to Pittsburgh
And that's where Carey lives.
Seems time for us to take a hand
And go see what gives.

Brenda Witzky

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Tommy Erndt shows the crew how the movie machine works. Standing left to right are Bostick, Marsh, Wolfe, Stahl, Graves, Erndt, Pershing, Taylor, McKee, Johnson, Frontz, and Marshall. Seated are Gilde, Judt, Kaufman, Karbula and Wakeley.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS BOYS BRING WIDE WIDE WORLD TO SIMPSON

Organized to give service to all in the building is the Audio-Visual Aids Club. They help others to see and hear more clearly the movies, film strips, tape recorder and records.

The main job of the 17 boys on the Audio-Visual Squad, under V. Lee Prior's leadership, is to take care of the noon movie. There are three crews for each movie, one for each grade. The first shift of boys set the movie up and run it for the ninth grades. The second crew shows the movie to the eighth graders. It's the third shift's job after the seventh graders have seen the movie, to wrap

up the equipment and put it away. Some of the various jobs for the boys are to set up the equipment in class rooms for film strips and to operate tape recorders.

Work During Assemblies

The Audio-Visual Squad also takes care of the equipment and the stage during assemblies. Most of the boys on the squad meet in the Audio-Visual room sixth period on Wednesdays to clean and work on the equipment.

James McKee is in charge of the Stage Crew and Tom Erndt is head of the Projection Crew. The other 15 boys are Norman Wolfe, Douglas Bostick, Bill Taylor, and Bob Pershing, from the eighth grade. From the ninth grade come Ben Marsh, Lester Frontz, and Jake Graves. The seventh graders are Adam Karbula, Richard Judt, John Marshall, Roger Stahl, Bob Wakeley, Scotty Johnson, Rodney Gilde, and Robert Kaufman.

Correction Please

The names of the officers from home room 107 were omitted from the last issue. They were: president, Eileen Frederici; vice-president, Billy Johnson; secretary, Dick Foss, Kay Scott; treasurer, Fred Lehr.

Santa, I've Been 'Nuttin' But Good'

Rumors that Santa Claus was on his way must have filtered to Simpson students at the beginning of the second term. 134 decided to get good grades to make the "old boy" give them some gifts.

Seventh graders led the list with 54: Linda Amsbaugh, Susan Armstrong, Carol Baker, Clay Bixler, Mildred Bloomfield, Diane Brown, Bonnie Burkholder, Judy Carrick, James Cyrus, Carol Ann Davis, Susanna Davis, Larry Davidson, Carol Dinger, Judy Edwards, Dorothy Elliot, Joan Forrest, Linda Friend, Barbara Garber, Rodney Gilde, Iona Gordon, Roberta Hammond, Ruth Hammett, Janet Harvey, Pamela Hildreth, Richard Judt, Robert Kaufman, Mary King, Ronald Klupp, Irene Knipp, Douglas Leach, Richard Leger, James Little, Shirley Long, Thomas Marshall, Jean Martin, Billy McQuillen, Carol Nichols, Evelyn Nolen, Carolyn Pfau, Karen Poole, Linda Rauch, Werner Schmidt, Patsy Shearer, Martha Shoup, Tim Simon, Darrel Smith, Kathleen Symsick, Roger Stahl, Charlotte Stehle, Thomas Templeton, Nancy Welling, Johnny Wilson, Robert Wymer, and Karen Zellner.

Eighth graders placed 30: Nick Arbutina, Roberta Beal, Cathy Bissman, Douglas Bostick, Janis Boughton, Beverly Bridges, Linda Calver, Jimmy Cates, Mary Coats, Mel Coleman, Dale Friend, Sandra Frost, Patricia Hart, William Herrick, Becky Kaler, Frank Kudika, Dixie Lang, Glenna Lemaster, Carol Marietta, Martha Molihan, Karmen Munson, Susan Payette, Nancy Ray, Janet Rice, Sharon Shafer, Martha Swineford, Bill Taylor, Martha Vance, Nancy Volz, and Carol Worthley.

Ninth graders numbered 50: Jerry Au, Barbara Balyeat, Katherine Baum, Erwin Brauchler, Connie Brown, Linda Brown, Patsy Coats, Kathy Culp, Dorothy Damron, Alwine Diener, Harold English, Joyce Ernsberger, Sharon Fair, Roger Flood, Eileen Frederici, Harry Fulmer, Sande Gilde, Jacob Graves, Edward Hall, Rod Hargo, Marva Helm, Bud Houston, Jim Howell, Hazel Hurrell, George Jeffries, Billy Johnson, Philip Johnson, Edith Karsmizki, Carol Keefer, James Keller, Phyllis Keller, Lillie Morant, Robert Myers, Larry Nichols, Gary Penney, Judy Phillips, Philip Pritchard, Billy Profit, Jane Schlemmer, Sandra Schumacher, Alex Schwaner, Kay Scott, Georgeanna Seeger, Marcella Smith, Richard Stauffer, Eliza Tackett, Kay Tyson, Anka Vaneff, Robert Wingert, and Ron Witchev.

Library Has Books From Main Building

For 6 to 8 weeks, Simpson has fifty-two books from the public library. They are from the circular collection and not from the city sets.

To help students, we are giving a few titles of the fiction and non-fiction books. First are a few fiction which include: *The Mystery of the Old Merchant's House*, *The Midnight Colt*, *Ten Gallon Hat*, *Story Parade Mystery Book*, *Treasure in the Covered Wagon*, and *The Black Stallion's Sulky Colt*. There are also many books of tales and mysteries.

In the non-fiction there are: *Treasures Long Hidden*, *Book of Puppets*, *Cowboys*, *Stamp Collecting*, *Big Foot Wallet*, *Space Ships* and *Space Travel*, *Christmas*, and *Big Music with Famous Composers*.

Instead of holding the regular monthly meeting, the library helpers held a Christmas party in the library on December 13. Christmas cookies, ice cream, and candy were served. Renatha Ray won a prize for creating the cleverest hat of crepe paper and straight pins.

Holiday Party Held

A Christmas party at Mrs. Klopfenstein's home highlighted the holiday season for Press Club members last Monday evening. During the evening games were played and refreshments were served.

Press Club meetings have been held every other Monday night in 101. At each of the meetings refreshments are served.

After the fourth issue of the Times, new members will be admitted to Press Club, according to their stories and the number of inches they have had printed.

Social Science Classes Train Citizens

Where were you on the night of June 10? What are the requirements for becoming a citizen? How do taxes help to pay the cost of government? These are questions which might be heard on a visit to the social science classes at Simpson.

The first question could be used in a trial in Mr. Lympers' classes as he teaches his students all about crime (from the book, of course).

Mr. McCullough's classes can tell the requirements for becoming a citizen since they have been studying them. They are also learning the Bill of Rights and the difference between Propaganda and Truth. Another of the assignments has been to watch the Westinghouse strike and report on it every day.

Miss Hester Robinson's classes are studying all kinds of taxes and the financing of the govern-

ment. Her students have seen movies on the Bill of Rights and the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway.

Going to the meeting of the Mansfield City Council and visiting the City Building made their study of government more interesting. Next they will study relations with other government.

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STUDENTS ACT FOR PARENTS

Pupil contributions to the Simpson Parent-Teacher Association meeting were generous at the Christmas meeting held December 7.

The program opened with the Ninth Grade Choir singing "Twas the Night Before Christmas" under the direction of Hamer Mitchell.

Jan Bryner, a speech student of Mrs. Ruth Klopfenstein, presented a skit based on a mother of three children telling her ideas, of par-

ents, teachers, and children.

"The Birds' Christmas Carol" was the name of a play given by home room 106 coached by Mrs. Klopfenstein. Taking part were Sharyn Pasheilich, Linda Rauch, Mary King, Mike Gibson, Cheryl Nixon, Clay Bixler, Larry Bruce, Patty Eccles, Carl Webb, Sue Misener, Judy Gottgalf, and Robert Wymer.

During the business meeting the members decided to contribute \$1 toward the filling of each Christmas basket for needy children of Simpson, sponsored by the Citizenship Club.

The next meeting will be the second Thursday of February.

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Test Your Wits With New Puzzle

The John Simpson Times will appreciate reader reaction to a new type of word puzzle, printed in the adjoining column. SYLLABLEGRAMS are constructed by Lawrence J. Steinbugler, New York City, and distributed by the National Scholastic Press Association, Minneapolis.

In solving a SYLLABLEGRAM, the first step is to read over the syllables printed at the bottom of the puzzle. Then, go through the definitions and write in the answers that come readily to mind. As the answers are supplied, it is important to encircle or cross out each syllable below, to show elimination. As the solution progresses, the possibility of recognizing words in the proverb is increased.

It is important to work back and forth between syllables and the quotation, using every possible clue.

Figures in parentheses after definitions show the number of syllables to be used, and each syllable listed below may be used only once. The first and last letters of each definition, when read from top to bottom, will form a well-known proverb.

To get you off to a good start, four solutions, and their first and last letters, have been supplied. From there, you're on your own, but if you must peek, the answers will be found on page 6.

In the next issue, however, the SYLLABLEGRAM may be harder to solve!

SYLLABLEGRAM

Reg. U. S. Patent Office
BY LAWRENCE J. STEINBUGLER
(Solution: A Well-known Proverb)

Using the 24 syllables listed below, construct ten words as solutions to the listed definitions. The number in parentheses after each definition is the number of syllables in the solution. The FIRST and LAST LETTERS of the solutions, read from top to bottom in numerical order, will form a well-known proverb. Heavy bars in last two columns indicate ending of words. See instructions at left for complete details.

DEFINITIONS	SOLUTIONS	FIRST LETTER	LAST LETTER
1. Sound of laughter (2)		E	T
2. Doorway (2)	EX-IT	W	E
2. Doorway (2)	WOB-BLE		
4. Undue Severity (2)		O	I
5. Relative of the giraffe (3)	O-KA-PI		
6. "Diner's" Special (3)			
7. Surpass		S	O
8. Italian City (3)	SA-LER-NO		
9. Copies (3)			
10. Traveler for Pleasure (2)			

SYLLABLES: (Cross these out as you use them up): BLE—BURG—CEL—ERS—EX—EX—HA—HA—HAM—HARSH—I—IM—IST—IT—KA—LER—NESS—NO—O—PI—SA—TATES—TOUR—WOB

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Class Entertains At Christmas Tea

The teachers recuperated, ate cookies, and drank punch, at any free time from 12:30 to 3:15 when Mrs. Helen Perrill's ninth grade home economics class served a Christmas tea on December 16.

This year's tea was based on a Santa Claus theme with candles, bulbs, and many other Christmas decorations. The table was decorated with a white lace table cloth and its share of decorations.

Each girl who helped to make this holiday tea possible held the job of hostess for a certain period of time during the afternoon.

Helping with the tea were: Eileen Au, Odessa Crenshaw, Pat-sy Coats, Annie Davis, Ruth Davis, Esther Davis, Frances Fulmer, Thelma Haddox, Marva Helm, Hazel Hurrell, Bonnie James, Joyce Jones, Regina Kareff, Pat Lawrence, Lillie Morant, Rosie Walker, Minnie Johnson, Janice Myers, and Georgia Wiseman.

How Do You Say It In ---?

Should Eric Hittinger, Simpson's newest entrant from across the seas, say, "FRÖHLICHER WEINACHTEN UND GLÜCKLICHER NEU JAHR," to you, he is wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in German.

With the smallness of the world today, the different ways of saying the merriest greeting of all are being given to you. How many of them did you know?

Sweden—God Jul meaning Good Yule
Finland—Hauskaa Joulua meaning Merry Yule
Denmark—Glaedig Jul (Glad Yule)
France—Joyeux Noel (Joyous Noel)
Spain—Felies Pascas (Happy Christmas)
Portugal—Boas Festas (Good Holidays)
Holland—Hartelyke Kerstgroeten
Italy—Bona Natale (Good Christmas)
Greece—Kaza Xpiotouyenna Kai (Merry Christmas) and Auttexe-maous O'Kainouryios (Happy New Year)
Hungary—Bolldog Goratschon (Merry Christmas) and Bolldog Uiwidlek (Merry New Year)
Yugoslavia—Sretan Bositsch (Merry Christmas) and Sretan Novagodina (Merry New Year)
Romania—Nosteria Lui Christos Sa Va Die de Folos
Korea—Chucka Sung Tang Juale—Congratulations on the birth of the Christ Child and Hang Bouch Han Seae Hei (Happy New Year)
Hawaii—Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas) and Hauoli Maka-hiki Hou (Happy New Year)
Brazil—Feliz Natal Happy Christmas)

Preview of Christmas Given in Parade

Jeanne Williams

On Thanksgiving Day many people had the advantage of seeing the Thanksgiving Day Parade on television with announcers Jimmy Nelson and Danny O'Day. This parade announced the arrival of the Christmas season.

The parade was led by mounted policemen on horses, followed by the policemen's band. A beautiful float, fifteen feet high, carried the Three Wise Men on camels surrounded by shepherds. Another float, The Mayflower, carried the Pilgrims.

There were also many school bands and clowns. Appearing were many Walt Disney characters: Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Pluto, Donald Duck, and Dumbo, the Flying Elephant.

An extraordinary Gingerbread House caught the eye of many children. It was forty feet high and was surrounded by gingerbread men. It was beautifully colored.

Santa's Helper Arrives

Christmas Carol, Santa Claus's helper, arrived in a huge float, with turquoise icicles, Eskimos, and Santa's helpers.

Last of all came "Santa Claus." His float was of turquoise foil. Jewels were in the reindeer's antlers. Children crowded all around the float to see Santa. He walked up a platform where Christmas Carol was waiting and was given the key to the city of Detroit which he said was the key to the hearts of all the boys and girls in the world.



BEES
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Diana Moyer

Home Room winners of the Open House were: in the seventh grade, room 101 with a total of 65%; Room 111 a total of 58% in the eighth grade; Ninth grade room 208 with a total of 38%.

The three rooms received candy bars.

What girl is known as Josephine Adeline Aloysius?

Sue, "I heard Janet got rich yesterday."

Mary, "How?"

Sue, "She got a 'gold' filling put in her mouth."

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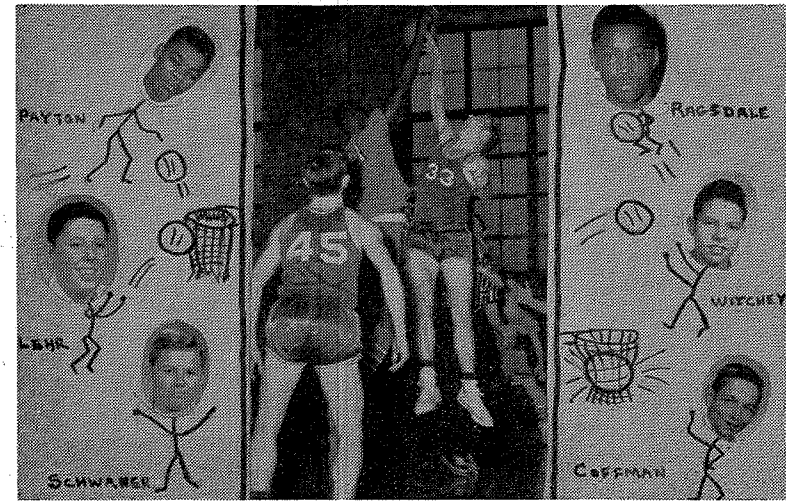
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Pictures and Art — Meisse and Brown

Will he make it? Picture was taken during the Bellville game. The six boys are first-team players.

Season Begins With Triumphs

The Simpson Bulldogs opened the basketball season with a victory over Madison by a score of 37-18. In the first half Peterson scored for Madison and Ragsdale, Payton, Coffman, Lehr and Witchey added to the Simpson score. During the second half Thomas, Nixon, and Ludwig made baskets for the opponent team. Murry, Coffman, McDuffey, Payton, and Lehr scored for Simpson. Thomas was high-point man for Madison and Fred Lehr had the high score for Simpson.

Win Second Too

Bellville fell in the second game as Simpson made 19 points to their 6. In the first half Witchey, Ragsdale, and Payton scored for Simpson and Schaefer, Harten, Brakaw, and Black scored for Bellville. Payton and Ragsdale made the baskets for Simpson and Harten, Brakaw, and Black did the same for Bellville during the sec-

ond half. High scorer was Payton for Simpson and Brakaw and Black for Bellville. The remainder of the revised schedule for the year is: Jan. 5 Shelby, there Jan. 10 Sandusky, here. Jan. 11 Bellville, here Jan. 19 Appleseed, here Jan. 25 Madison, here Jan. 26 Galion, there Jan. 31 Ashland, here Feb. 8 Appleseed, Senior High

Leo Roars

Keeping the gym floor occupied are basketball players every evening from 2:45 to 4:30. The team this year is starting from scratch but have enough determination to go to the top. We have a little height this year and hope to take advantage of this. The first game of the 12-scheduled games was played against Madison. Simpson wound up the game with 37 to 18. High point man for Simpson was Fred Lehr making four buckets and for Madison, Thomas, making 3 buckets. Boys' gym classes have been learning the basic fundamentals of basketball by playing line basketball.

Butchie's Beat

I say there now! How about those new cheers and formations



Miss Hutchins and the cheerleaders have made up? They're really something, aren't they? Those stunts Mrs. Kirby and Miss Hutchins are teaching are really sharp. Suggestion: How about getting a smaller safety belt for the little girls who slip out of them easily? During the last term the girls were treated to film strips on how to do stunts. If things were only as easy as the pictures say they are! Congrats to all of the new members of G.A.A. The banquet's coming up so you'd better keep those dues paid up so you can attend. Also remember we don't wear formal or have corsages for the banquet. Don't eat too much during the Christmas vacation. If you do, you'll have to jump off the excess weight in gym class. See you next year!

Photo of Mrs. Kirby courtesy of Mansfield News-Journal

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GIRLS TAKE GYM FLOOR IN INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL GAMES

Girl's volley ball games begin on Monday after vacation. The tournament will be a round-robin: that is, every seventh, eighth, and ninth grade home room will play every other home room of that grade. Each time a team wins, the home room will be credited with 2 points. If there is a tie, each home room will receive 1 point. The team with the greatest number of points will be the champion team of the grade. Ninth grade girls will referee the games for the ninth grade while eighth graders will referee for the seventh and eighth graders. Games scheduled for the period from January 3 to February 10 are:

NINTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE
Jan. 3 20 vs Lib. 21 vs Cafe	17 vs 102	101 vs 105
4 20 vs 21 Cafe vs 103	16 vs 17 102 vs 104	19 vs 101 105 vs 106
5 103 vs 107 110 vs 115	104 vs 108 111 vs 114	106 vs (205-109) 112 vs 113
6 107 vs 110 115 vs 200A	108 vs 111 114 vs 209	(205-109) vs 112 113 vs 202
9 200A vs 201 203 vs 204	209 vs 210 211 vs 216	202 vs 207 212 vs 213
10 201 vs 203 204 vs 206	210 vs 211 216 vs B. R.	207 vs 212 213 vs 214
11 208 vs 115 Lib. vs 200A	114 vs 216 209 vs B. R.	215 vs 113
12 20 vs 208 21 vs Lib.	210 vs 108 111 vs 211	19 vs 215
13 Cafe vs 20 21 vs 103	102 vs 16 104 vs 17	105 vs 19 106 vs 101
16 107 vs Cafe 110 vs 103	108 vs 102 111 vs 104	112 vs 106 (205-109) vs 105
17 115 vs 107 110 vs 200A	114 vs 108 209 vs 111	113 vs (205-109) 202 vs 112
18 115 vs 201 200A vs 203	210 vs 114 211 vs 209	207 vs 113 212 vs 202
19 204 vs 201 203 vs 206	216 vs 210	213 vs 207 214 vs 212
20 200A vs 208 201 vs Lib.	B. R. vs 211	215 vs 202
23 20 vs 206 21 vs 208	16 vs B. R.	19 vs 214 101 vs 215

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More sports will be found on page 6.



Above: Miss Hutchins, Right: Mrs. Kirby, girls' physical education teachers.



Lady Athletes Take Bow as Spot Falls

Karen Cline The athletic teachers for this month are the girls' physical education teachers, Mrs. Virginia Kirby and Miss Eleanor Hutchins. A native of Mansfield, Mrs. Kirby attended West Fifth, Grubaugh, and Mansfield Senior High Schools. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from degree from Oberlin College and her M. A. degree from Ohio University. Mrs. Kirby has taught physical education at the following schools: Old Trail School, Akron, Ohio; Drury College, Springfield, Mo.; Mansfield's Brinkerhoff and John Simpson. Mrs. Kirby served as Dean of Women at Drury College. She was also health education secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Akron and director of girls in the City Recreation program in Mansfield. Among her favorite sports, Mrs. Kirby lists basketball and field hockey. She and her daughter reside at 535 Gadfield Road. Teaching physical education also is Miss Hutchins who came to us from Hedges Elementary School. after two years' teaching experi-

ence. Miss Hutchins received her Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University. While in college, she was president of the Women's Recreation Association, an organization to which all the women on the campus belonged. She was also president of the field hockey club and a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Her hobbies are keeping scrap books, sports, and physical education. Miss Hutchins, the advisor of the cheer leaders, calls Lancaster, Ohio, home. She lives on Park Avenue West while in Mansfield.

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The Night After Christmas

Sherry Kent, Kay Scott, Ellen Jones

'Twas the night after Christmas, when all through the house
Everyone had a hangover, even the mouse;
The stockings that had been hung by the chimney with care,
Were now covering the feet, that on Christmas were bare.

The hepcats who should have been in their beds
Were out on a party losing their heads;
I in my silks and Ma in her sable
Were out at a near-by restaurant under the table.

When out on the sidewalk a whistle was blown,
Someone shouted, "It's a raid," in a loud husky tone.
Out the back door and up the side alley
We flew like politicians going to a rally.

A street light shone bright on the old slushy street
When all of a sudden a "copper" we meet,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a souped-up hotrod carrying my little dear.

We opened the door, crawled under the seat,
Peeled away from the curb, and tore down the street.
More rapid than squad cars the tires did spin,
And the broken-down car rattled like tin.

The driver was short and sort-a fat
And I knew in a moment that boy was a brat.
He spoke not a word but kept driving on;
Man! That brat was really gone.

He let go of the wheel and reached for a fag
And ran up a tree as he took a drag;
As we sat in the tree we began to think
How lucky we were not to be in the clink.

And now that we've had such a lot of fun
We're thankful that the day after Christmas is done.

Christmas Aids Math Teaching

Math classes have been making Christmas projects in their class work. The best projects were displayed at the math council meeting at Senior High December 7.

Mrs. Theaker's seventh and eighth grade classes have made mobiles and stars of different shapes and sizes. Some of her pupils are also making Christmas trees and decorating them.

The first period class made a Christmas tree with geometric forms for decoration. A white snowflake tree was the third period project while the fourth period group made mobiles. The bulletin board in 105 is decorated with little silver stars made by the seventh grade home room. Paper ornaments were made by the seventh period classes.

These projects not only help in the teaching of math but also make inexpensive Christmas decorations.

Guys'n Dolls

Sherry Kent

Need some help on what to buy your favorite girl for Christmas? Cast your eyes below and get some ideas.

If you don't want to spend too much and yet get her something she'll really appreciate how about buying her some pretty lace hankies or some cologne or perfume? According to Emily Post boys' giving jewelry to girls is not good etiquette, but I think the girls have a different opinion.

The latest records are always nice for those who have a record player. I'm sure some girls, who haven't quite grown up yet, would like a story book, doll, or a stuffed animal.

For those of you who can afford to spend more, how about buying her a nice cashmere sweater or wool or orlon will do. A manicure set or a cologne and dusting powder set is always nice.

Here are some ideas for you gals to buy for your favorite beau. For you who don't want to spend too much, cufflinks, collar buttons, collar pins, and tie clasps are sharp.

If you have some extra dough you don't know what to do with, why don't you buy him V-necks, shirts, or those sharp argyle socks and belts to match.

Science Classes Study Earth Changes

General science classes taught by Wilbur Young and Dwight Mische are studying the earth's surface and how it constantly changes.

During their study of electricity everyone had a chance to get a shock from the generator. They also studied static current and made electro magnets.

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ART OF MAKING POTTERY Described by Doris Mason

Miss Doris Mason, who recently presented a program here, was born at Green River, Wyoming. It was here and in Iowa that she grew up.

She first became interested in working with clay after reading a book on the subject. She was so interested that she decided to give it a try and go to college.

Here it was discovered that she had real talent and she put many long hours of practice into the final accomplishment of this skill. She received her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Idaho and her Master's Degree at the University of Iowa.

Soon Miss Mason was doing demonstrations of pottery making in front of audiences. At first, she did clay portraits using members of the audience as models. Then she turned to using a pottery wheel and began making mugs, plates, dishes, and vases.

Since then Miss Mason has done more than a thousand shows before audiences, either keeping the articles she makes or selling them. She also takes special orders for various pieces.

Ideas of New Years Change With Place

New Year's Day was not always on January 1. It was once on June 22 and another time on September 21. If you were to travel around the world, you would see New Years celebrated in many different ways.

In China the Chinese celebrate all their holidays on one day with a gift exchange, fireworks, and feasts.

France and Scotland consider New Years more important than Christmas. On Christmas you could give a child a gift, but it would be sin to give a grown-up one.

Italy starts to celebrate New Years on Christmas with 100 cannon shots and end it twelve days later or on January 6.

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Noon Champ Found

Eighth grade boys from home room 114 won the intramural basketball championship for that grade. Seventh graders from 202 also won their tournament. Ninth graders were still finishing their tournament as the paper went to press.

Ninth grade boys who have been refereeing during the tournament are: Dave Coffman, Fred Lehr, Don Ragsdale, and Alex Schwaner. These boys are all on the varsity team.

Frank Lutz and Butch Anderson refereed the eighth grade games while Bill Chestney and Richard Leger have helped with the seventh grade tournament.

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RED CROSS FILLS OVERSEAS BOXES

The American Junior Red Cross at Simpson is filling Christmas gift boxes to send to boys and girls in other countries.

These boxes will contain needles, ribbons, pins, buttons, and educational toys.

The group will also send Christmas cards to sick boys and girls to cheer them up for the Christmas season.

To finance the gift boxes and Christmas cards, money and tax stamps are being collected by the home room representatives.

Sally Heckert

Does this poem, taken from the "Red and Blue", fit our students? They find fault with the editor, The stuff we print is rot, The paper is about as peppy as a cemetery lot, The paper shows poor management, The jokes they say are stale, The upperclassmen wail, But when the paper's printed And the issue is on file, If someone didn't get one, You can hear 'em yell a mile.

Below is a cute game that describes you. Take the initial of your first name and go down the first column until you have found your initial. Do the same for your last name. Then put the words together and you have a phrase describing yourself. This was taken from the "Hamilton Federalist" Hamilton, Ohio.

First Name	Last Name
Ambitious	Agitator
Boisterous	Burglar
Crabby	Cheater
Daffy	Dope
Excellent	Enemy
Fancy	Flirt
Grouchy	Gabber
Handy	Heckler
Irresistible	Indian
Jazzy	Joker
Keen	King
Lazy	Loafer
Miserable	Miser
Nosey	Nuisance
Observant	Orator
Pesky	Pupil
Queer	Quitter
Reckless	Reporter
Studious	Schemer
Thrifty	Teaser
Unaware	Umpire
Vain	Vampire
Wasteful	Worker
Yellow	Youth
Zestful	Zany

Loony Laws seemed to be a problem in some states. These are a few which were taken from the "Junior Highlights," Quincy, Ill. In Waterloo, Nebraska there was a law which made it illegal for any barber to eat onions between seven o'clock in the morning and seven in the evening. Bring your harpoon to California! A law provides that one may not shoot at any bird or animal from an automobile—except a whale!

Students Put New

Have you heard snickers among the students because of the Ninth grade students' speaking an odd-sounding language? Really it isn't as bad as all that! You've just heard the French and Latin students putting their knowledge to use.

Miss Virginia Howard, who teaches French and Latin, belongs to the American Association of Teachers of French. Through this organization, she receives the address and information on the Bureau of Correspondence, Sovlaire, Paris, France. This bureau gives French students taking English the addresses of American students studying French.

Simpson French students have received letters from different parts of France: Harold English from Brest; Kay Stehle from Paris; Calvester Mingle from Madagascar; Addie Lee Redding from Roubaix, North France; Bea Sites and Jane Schlemmer from Toulon.

Cal Receives Pictures

One of the longest and most interesting of these letters was from a French student, Royere Phillippe to Calvester. His letter was written in English and enclosed were three pictures.

He wrote, "I wait for a correspondent long ago, and I am very happy to get one. You are an American, you know the customs, the life, the character, of Americans, you know the U.S.A., his face. For my part I know Frenchmen and many countries: France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, South Africa and Madagascar. So, we shall inform each other this things."

These pen pals help each other to understand customs of both countries.

Languages to Work

Seventh Has Letter

Recently home room 101 received a letter from Janet Wilkison who attends the Langwith Bassett County Primary School in North Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England.

Home room 101 has a committee corresponding with Janet and telling her about OUR Mansfield and school.

Almost Christmas Day

Carolyn White 7

Mother's stuffing turkey, Grandma's making pies, Daddy has a secret Twinkle in his eyes. Mistletoe and holly Hang above the door; Christmas decorations Shine in every store. Snow is softly falling-- Covering the roofs. Soon we'll hear the prancing Of Santa's reindeer hoofs. There's a magic reason Why they are so gay, For it's almost Christmas-- Almost Christmas Day!

Girls Take Gym In Volleyball

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2	Cafe vs 208 103 vs Lib.	17 vs B. R.	105 vs 215
3	20 vs 107 21 vs 110	108 vs 16 111 vs 17	(205-109) vs 19
7	Cafe vs 115 103 vs 200A	114 vs 102	113 vs 105
8	Pep meeeting	Pep Meeting	202 vs 105
9	Dance	Dance	112 vs 101
10	203 vs 208 204 vs Lib.	209 vs 104	215 vs 212

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What Is Christmas?

Susan Armstrong

What is Christmas? Does anyone really know what Christmas means? I'd like to tell you what Christmas means to me.

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It's a time for carolers. If they should come to your door, don't shut your ears but listen to the voices that sing of Jesus, our Saviour, born in Bethlehem so long ago.

It's a time to give. What you give may bring happiness to others.

We have many holidays, but I think the most wonderful of all is Christmas. Everyone's so warm and kind that, if we were that way all the year round, it would be a wonderful world. Let's be kind every day of the year as well as at Christmas time.

Is this the correct meaning of Christmas? Do we really know the correct meaning?

"Tramp" Antics Demonstrated at School Assembly

On November 8, the students of John Simpson saw a Trampoline act by Ed Steinmetz and Jerry Koehler called, "Fun on the Trampoline."

Six Simpson students assisted the performers. They were Jeanine Swetlic, Dave Coffman, Sherry Kent, Sandy Gilde, Kenny Heichel, and L. D. Ball. The students did a seat drop, hand and knee drop, knee drop, and flip.

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HOME AT LAST

Pat Crumrine

Joan had started to toss around had been sent to an orphanage in Mayfield, Rhode Island, where she had been very ill with pneumonia.)

Joan had started to toss around in her bed. It was 2:15 and Miss Elaine had said she would be back at 2 o'clock. One reason that Joan was so excited was that today Miss Elaine would tell her if she could get out of bed for a little while each day.

Just then the door opened and Miss Elaine walked in and sat in a rocker by the side of the bed. She said, "Joan, how would you like to go for a walk in the woods?"

"Me!" cried Joan almost too excited to speak.

"Who else would I mean?" asked Miss Elaine, as excited as Joan.

Ten minutes later, with the or-

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As we go home for our Christmas vacation, we go to a scene of laughter, gaiety, and a good place for taking pictures.

It is not hard to think up ideas for Christmas pictures. For instance, how about one of Pop dressed up as Santa filling the stockings? It would look good in the scrap book with the words, "Santa was here," under it.

You might get a candid shot of the little girl or boy in your family opening the biggest package under the tree. Wait until he gets his first glimpse of the present inside and his eyes sparkle with joy. Then get that SHOT. Better use a flash bulb on such a picture.

Try shooting some natural-light pictures with just the Christmas-tree lights on. It's fun to play around and see what different effects you can get.

Group shots always present a problem to inexperienced photographers. First thought is to line them up in front of the fireplace and shoot. Better pictures will be obtained by getting the group while they are in action. Try one with the whole family decorating the Christmas tree.

Good luck with your Christmas pictures! Next issue I'll give you some more help.

phanage behind them, they were skipping through the field toward the woods. It was a beautiful spring day and Joan could not control her emotions any longer. She burst out singing like a nightingale, "America the Beautiful," as she twirled around on her toes.

Miss Elaine watched, fascinated by the grace and beauty with which she danced and her beautiful high childish voice. Presently Miss Elaine joined in the singing and dancing.

Finally out of breath Miss Elaine stopped and sat down on the grass calling Joan to her. "Joan, I think you had better sit down and rest awhile. We don't want you getting sick again."

A whole month slipped by without their knowing it. Every day they went for a walk and Joan grew stronger with red, rosy color in her cheeks.

One day Miss Elaine called Joan into her office and said, "Joan, in one week I'll be going away from here to live with Mr. Don. We'll live a long way from here and I won't be able to see you. I'll write to you though. I want you to go for a walk in the woods every nice day and write and tell me what you see. Please be nice to the new nurse and help her all you can. Be a good girl and some day maybe I can arrange for you to visit me."

As Miss Elaine had said, one week later she kissed Joan goodbye, climbed into the car, and drove out of sight. Joan ran to the woods where she lay down on the cool, green grass and cried and cried. Soon she was so tired out from crying that she fell asleep.

Ohio Folk Tales Told at Kingwood

Approximately 100 people heard David Webb of Chillicothe give a lively account of "Folktales of the Ohio Valley" on November 28 at Kingwood Center.

With a straight face, Mr. Webb told twenty folk tales, each one "true." Among those given were the story of Ide, (a cow who chased foxes), one about bird-sized mosquitoes, and one of special appeal, "Sophie, the Wildcat."

Still others were "Temporary Thad" and "The Big Pink Lizard." Mr. Webb also gave a "sworn to" story of the first mechanical refrigeration in early Ohio. These tales were naturally topped off by a ghost story or two.

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